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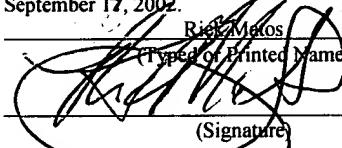
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5. Cumulative Patents or Publications
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